

WORKERS' STAND REVEALS EVERY PHASE OF CASE

Arsenal Federation Committee Draws Up Public Statement That Is to the Point.

EXPLAIN WHOLE SITUATION

Want Soldiers and Employees Treated With Consideration— Wish to Avoid Turmoil.

At a meeting last night a committee representing the Arsenal Federation drew up a statement to be made public and revealing every angle of the Rock Island Arsenal situation from the standpoint of the workers.

This statement, as printed below, is concise and far-reaching from the standpoint of a clear explanation of the present stand of the workers and what they expect in the future.

Special citation is made with reference to the effect the large number of returning soldiers will have on the labor market, and statement is made that some provision is mandatory that will look toward the giving of soldiers employment where they will be able to live, at least, in the same state of prosperity as before they entered the nation's service.

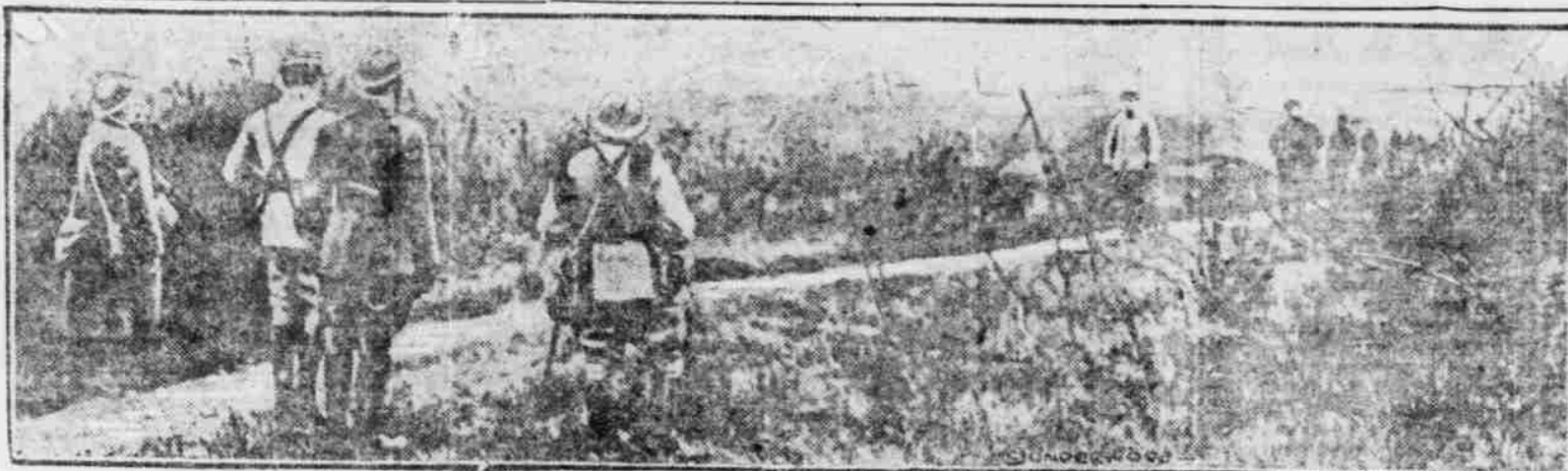
Another pointed statement is that the workmen of this country are of sufficient intelligence as to make impossible conditions in this country similar to those in Russia, but that some far-reaching agreement must be made with workmen if a labor turmoil is to be averted. The statement as drawn up by R. L. Cornick, president of the Arsenal Federation and organizer for the Leather Workers' union No. 11; J. L. Foreman, secretary of the Arsenal Federation, secretary of the Federal Employees' union and member of the Machinists' union No. 81 and C. E. Williams, carpenter's local No. 227, is appended:

"The war is won through the cooperation of the general public with the government and to make our statements clear we wish to divide the people into four groups, namely, manufacturers, workers, soldiers and women. The group of soldiers were taken in the main from the group of workers because of the fact that the workers numerically is the largest group.

Second because in the group of manufacturers the government found men with higher technical education to give commissions to and officers to have charge of different departments. We do not wish to enter into a discussion about the special condition that made it possible for the group we term as manufacturers to have a higher technical education than a group of workers. We consider that each group gave their whole hearted cooperation.

"Realizing as we do during the period of reconstruction the sol-

FIELD OFFICERS HANDLE ARMISTICE DUTIES EFFICIENTLY



French commander of sector of allied line near Verdun route to Metz notifying opposing German leader armistice has been signed and giving him orders regarding actions of his troops.

A large part of the responsibility in seeing that American and allied troops and the enemy forces carried out to the letter the terms of the armistice rested with the U. S. and allied officers along the battle line. The U. S. and allied leaders notified the German commands opposite them what would be expected of them and their troops and then saw to it that these orders were obeyed. The fact that there was no violation of the armistice terms in the field indicates they did their work well at all points.

diers will return to the group of workers and the civilian employees in a great number without jobs because of the cancellation of orders for war munitions and the return of the soldier will aggregate the condition of unemployed until we are greatly concerned about the standards of living for the coming winter.

"In dealing with the women that have been inducted into industry we recognize industrial workers by the very thorough manner in which they responded to the government's call for added production and it is our sincere wish that we may be enabled to compete with them on a fair basis so that these workers cannot be used against us to reduce standards.

"In President Wilson's declaration outlining his position in regards to labor at the beginning of the war, declaring that no standards established by labor should be disturbed during the period of war including the standard of living. Recognizing that the standard of living was hard to determine and dependent namely on rates of pay we have endeavored through the period of the war to maintain standards so that when returning soldiers are asked to make themselves a part of the community which the government has asked them to leave they can, at least, live up to as high a standard as before entering the war for democracy.

"The fact is that the fine thought of this country in both ranks for workers, employees and manufacturers is with the declaration the president made almost five years ago to the effect that society had reached a point where it was insisted that woman should be compelled to work more than eight hours to earn a living. A man's best efforts and the fullest living can only be accomplished when he is not tasked beyond his physical strength by his daily work and when he has sufficient time for mental development which is necessary to make him a good citizen.

"The statistics from the department of labor proved that labor did not and is not receiving a living wage. These statistics show that during the period of the war 73 cents per hour is given upon which a man could raise a family in comfort and that 45 cents was considered the least with which this result could be accomplished before the war. The difference between rates of pay paid to common laborers before the war were made up by public and private charities. The workers of the United States know approximately what our government's part in feeding the people has been during the war and anyone that supposes the workers of this country are going to stand in the bread line during this winter are making a sad mistake. If people in this country who control the things that the workers need for subsistence expect to keep down a turmoil in this country and retain control they must recognize our human rights. We do believe the workers of this country are too intelligent to create a condition such as exists in Russia but they will take charge and operate the government for the mass of producers.

"For the period of the war the government had control of four of the essential things for living in happiness namely, food, fuel, transportation and building material, and realizing that the government keeps control during the period of reconstruction by controlling the things necessary for our subsistence and also realizing that the general public will and are anxious to cooperate with the government in getting us happily through this period we can't understand the president's logic in the speech he made to congress when he says that business interests will take care of this situation. We expect to cooperate with them in handling industrial situations and happily we do not wish to let this group of Americans work out our destiny for us.

"We wish to point out some of the many obligations that have been assumed by the Rock Island Arsenal workers because they have been given to understand that the work at Rock Island Arsenal was of a permanent nature and that hundreds of workers have homes partly paid for, owe for Liberty bonds, and raised families, established themselves among friends and now the government which is asking private manufacturers to go everything they can to ameliorate conditions of reconstruction is going to close some of the shops, minimize production in some of the others thereby forcing the workers that have established themselves in this community to be torn from homes and friends and compelled to seek other homes. These homes in practically all cases, represent the savings of a lifetime which they will be compelled to liquidate their interests in to obtain means to establish themselves in some other community. This will cause property to depreciate in value by a considerable loss to the merchants in the money that has been formerly spent in this community.

"This is the thing that interests the whole community from a business standpoint and we are glad that they are interested and willing to cooperate with us in bringing the matter before the proper officials in Washington and keep the island running at its present capacity on work for other departments. To illustrate the possibilities of such a course we call your attention to the postoffice department. The call boxes, which are ordinarily used in the postoffice, could be manufactured with the equipment which we have in the equipment shop. The wooden office fixtures which are ordered for each building according to its need could be gotten out in the mill room at the carpenter shop. The mail bags and pouches could be manufactured at the carpenter shop. We wish to call the attention of the general public to the fact that there is approximately \$8,000,000 worth of leather in the

IOWANS ARE TO AID R. I. A. MEN

Greater Davenport Committee Will Go to Congress in Attempt to Provide Needed Work.

The Greater Davenport committee held a special meeting yesterday, at which a committee of Arsenal workers was present to ask the cooperation of the committee in the movement to keep the Arsenal shops open and secure the largest amount of work for the plant here that can be secured.

They were assured that the Greater Davenport committee was heartily for that kind of a program and would do all that it could to secure its endorsement by congress.

President Frank B. Yetter, A. J. Faerber, A. P. Dawson, E. P. Adler and J. Clark Hall were appointed a committee of the greater Davenport committee to secure the necessary data and take it to Washington, if necessary, in taking care of the interests of the Arsenal. Secretary McCarthy, who is now in Washington, and Congressman Hull, will be communicated with at once and urged to support the program which calls for all the work which can be centered at what is the best located and best equipped of all of Uncle Sam's big manufacturing plants.

On County Records

Warranty Deeds.
Paul Prosser and wife to Beale A. Lee, east half lot 10, P. Presnell's addition, South Moline, \$1.

Mary E. and W. F. Baker to J. S. Donnell, as trustee, northeast quarter of northeast quarter, and west half of northeast quarter section 28, 16, 3w, \$1.

Mary C. and George A. McDowell to James P. Enright, part lot 2, block 3, McMaster's addition, Rock Island, \$1.

Ray G. Read and wife to United States of America, part northeast quarter section 6, 17, 1w (Forty-fourth street and Eighteenth avenue, Rock Island), \$1,800.

Belle and John S. Jones to South Park Presbyterian church, lots 7 and 9, block 2, South Park addition, Rock Island, \$4,000.

Broadway Presbyterian church to South Park Presbyterian church, lots 1, 2 and 5, block 2, South Park addition, Rock Island, \$1.

Albert J. and Jessie Osland to Arthur S. Benson, lot 8, block 3, C.

SACRIFICES LIFE DURING FIGHTING



Sergeant Clarence Irwin.

G. Thulin's second addition, Moline, \$1.
Emma A. Flek, et al., to James L. Pones and wife, part lot 7, block 4, Warner's Park addition, East Moline, \$600.

Alphons and Louis Van Drimsache to William Engstrom, part lot 3 and lot 4, Huber's first addition, Moline, \$1.

Quit Claim Deed.
Bert and Nellie Lilbridge to Chester Lilbridge, east half, southeast quarter, and part east half, northeast quarter section 11, also west half, southwest quarter section 12, all in township 16, 6w, \$2,000.

Henry W. Tremann, et al., to Alice Nourse, part lots 9 and 10, block 39, Lower addition, Rock Island, \$5,500.

Walter H. Scott to Mary G. Scott, northeast quarter fractional section 7, and north half, northeast quarter section 8, 20, 2s, \$1.

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KILLED IN LATE FIGHTING; SAID TO BE MISSING

Sergeant Clarence Irwin Makes Supreme Sacrifice Overseas During Recent Battle.

Sergeant Clarence Irwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Irwin, 119 Fourth avenue, was killed in action on Oct. 10, according to a telegram received from the war department in Washington by the parents on Wednesday. Irwin was reported as missing in action on Oct. 10, the parents having received word to that effect on Nov. 22.

For the last several weeks, relatives and friends of Sergeant Irwin have hoped to learn soon that he was either in a German prison camp or had returned to his company.

Irwin was in his first battle July 1. He arrived overseas a month previously. The last letter received from him in Rock Island was written on Oct. 3. It stated that he hoped to be back in the fighting again which indicates that his company was probably resting at that time.

He enlisted in the army in September, 1917, and was trained at Camp Dodge and later at Camp Logan, Texas. He was a member of the One Hundred Thirty-first Infantry.

ILLINOIS CITY
David Bondie, whose remains were buried here Thursday, was well known and generally liked in the lower end of the county. He came here in 1920 from Wisconsin, where he was born. He learned the pottery trade and worked for his father for a number of years. Later he carried the mail between Taylor Ridge and Moline, and for two years was in partnership with his brother in the mercantile business in Illinois City. Later he had been working in Moline. His health failed several months ago and he had undergone one operation before the one in Chicago which immediately preceded his death. Because of the influenza epidemic, funeral services, which were conducted by Rev. B. S. Busby, were held only at the grave.

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Couches	Hall Racks	Smoking Cabinets
Chamber Chairs	Mirrors	Cellarets
Cheffonobes	Pictures	Brass Jardiniere
Cedar Chests	Costumers	Telephone Stands
Mattress Boxes	Chiffoniers	Sewing Tables
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Morris Chairs	Dressing Tables	Vacuum Sweepers
Bissell Sweepers	Brass Beds	Sewing Machines
Kitchen Cabinets	Library Tables	

SEE OUR CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

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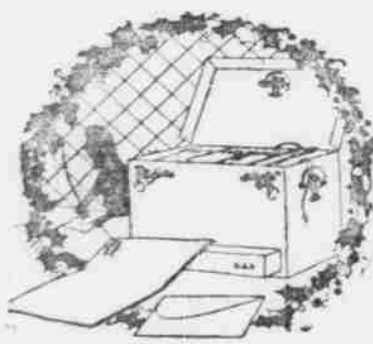


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